

## LETTERS OF THE CZARINA TO THE CZAR IN WAR TIME

Empress Is Unhappy and Much Disturbed by Losses of Russians in the War.

Again Exhorts Czar to Show Strong Will and Firm Purpose and Deprecates Weakness.

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ARTICLE XXIV.—CZARINA'S VIEWS ON MEN.

THE czarina deplores her husband's "angelic kindness" and urges him to show that he shared in the master. "Sweetheart, show your fist when necessary," she writes. She is vexed with the doings of the younger grand dukes. Upon learning of grand duke Dmitri's conduct in Petrograd she exclaims: "Towns and women are poison for him."

Once in a while there is a passage revealing the czar's unhappiness. In telling of the treatment she was taking for her eyes, she writes: "I personally know they get had from much crying and from many unshed tears, too, which fill the eyes. She complains that 'Alex, with his bringing up and being out of another set, does not understand, and many a word I would never share with him. I need to with N. P. because he, as a man (with in-

Talks With Americans.

Tsarshy's Solo, March 1, 1914. "My Beloved: I had the American Haris for two hours yesterday. He is not a very many now. He told several things which I had heard, and I am sure, and I begged him to speak again with Gen. Rodiger."

"Today I have Vitchkovsky, with a long report and other people. 'Vitchkovsky, with Marie's train, was ordered to Hiss yesterday. Look here, do a clever thing and tell Kirill you are strongly disapproved of Boris having that best plan. His reputation—vile kicked out of the nation, and war by Kirill, received into Baby's arm—moral honor far too great to wear that uniform covered with war decorations and high rank, for no military bravery and service, but some private dirty service. Speak to Kirill and N. P. about it. All are horrified, and Petrograd talks enough about it. (Alex's) Nechukin's ambition to get him nearest to the throne is well known. Much dirt everywhere. So sad, the lowering of humanity—Sodom and Gomorrah, verily."

"Has Karpavich at last cleared out from Bruchich? If not, do have it done quicker. Sweetheart, show your fist when necessary. As old Guremyshin said still the last time he came to me, 'the emperor must be firmer, one needs to feel his power.' Your angelic kindness, forgiveness and patience are known and one profits of them. I. Show you alone are the matter. Thousand tender kisses do I press upon your lips and across you fondly to my heart."

EVER YOUR VERY OWN.

"Just got your sweetest letter. How good you saw those English and nice Russian letters, a decoration from Georgia. Wonder for what occasion Alexiev will be made general a. d. e. f. So one has probably talked to Pillz already against our friends, pity. (Gen. Rodiger is apparently Alexander P. Rodiger, member of the council of the empire. Vitchkovsky was O. V. Vitchkovsky, in 1911 attached to the ministry of the marine. 'Kalmankov' are the members of the Stannan Council, named after the czarist. 'Vitchkovsky' is the name of the czarist. He was at the time the hero of the moment, credited with the Russian victory.)"

Illness Is Named.

Tsarshy's Solo, March 10, 1914. "My own Sweetheart: 'Stormer' came to speak about that story, as things were from the cleared up, and I had to give him over letters from Illness relating everything and he will have investigations made still as to the truth of what he wrote; alas, it seems truthful."

"Stormer was much less shy and quite open this time. One sees what a real love and veneration he has for you. In worried about the situation in Moscow, which will be soon, is sending for the general from there to speak over the general. I fear that neurotic Shchekov will be a useless rag there if there should be any stories. Of the czarist, who finds a general governor must be there, without having any man in view."

"Every one is horrified by Khvorostov. The boy goes about quite green as returns to the regiment today. 'The terrible, forced drinking in the Hussars made him ill and acted on his heart. They and the Gards cheval continue drinking incessantly at the war. It's loathsome and degrading before the soldiers, who know that you prohibited it."

"The countess Bechendorf is shocked with Dmitri's going on in town during the war and finds one ought to insist upon him returning to the regiment. I fully agree, I was and women are poison for him. That road is the papers about our advancing. God protect this may change the rotten minds of the 'Zars'."

"I cover you with kisses, my Hussy, and remain your very own."

"Vitchkovsky says I need stronger muscles to read with, eyes overworked and the acidulous comes also from the same as my face nerve pains, too. But he is contented with the eyes themselves and says they are good, only I overtax them. I personally know they get had from much crying and from many unshed tears, too which fill the eyes and that must drink themselves up again."

"('Cecresthetic Shchekov' is apparently V. K. Shchekov, aid de camp to the emperor. Vitchkovsky, Nicholas A., was the chief of the military, the academy, and a surgeon of the court.)"

Heard of Great Losses.

Tsarshy's Solo, March 11, 1914.

My own Lovebird:

"Two of our sanitary trains are returning with heavy wounded. Our true losses are very heavy! Of course, attacking, it cannot be otherwise."

"Maklakov was at Alex's and entreats to see us also, despatching that I should insure you, elderly, a revolutionist under the wing of Guremyshin. Stormer begged me to say that in that odious war industries committee they are intending to say horrid things, that come together in a few days, and therefore quickly clear out Polivanov; any boy, set much better than him. If you don't know, why not, honest, devoted Believov, and give him a good help!"

"Very nice, don't dawdle, make up your mind, it's far too serious, and changing him once you cut the wings of that revolutionary party, only be quicker about it. You know you yourself long ago wanted to change him. Hurry up, Sweetheart, you wish to be behind pushing you. You above all need an honest devoted man, and that man is, if Ivanov is too obstinate. Please do the change at once, then propaganda and all can be stopped successfully. Maklakov, above you spoke to her with tears in his eyes about you and so I shall see him soon."

"Promise me you will at once change the minister of war, for your sake, your boy's and Russia's."

"There, your sweet letter has just come. So you think Suvalov the right man (the loss of a gentleman than Believov) and he is really the right type? I only once spoke to him when found him most obstinate, so cannot judge. But who to succeed him? In any case, hurry up, Lovebird."

"Endless, tender, passionately loving kisses from your old"

"SUNNY."

Maklakov, Nicholas A., was member of the interior. His brother, the noted member of the duma, later became the ambassador at the permanent government.

COMMUNAL. Gen. Shchekov succeeded Polivanov as war minister.

The Czarina's Children.

Tsarshy's Solo, March 12, 1914.

My very Own:

"The children were all in church and are now going out. The children with all their love still have quite other ideas and rarely understand my way of looking at things, the smallest even. They are always right and when I say how I was brought up and how one must be, they can't understand, find it dull. Only when I speak with Tatiana she grasps it. Olga is always most unamiable about every proposition, tho' may end to doing what I wish. And when I am severe, she is so."

There are also many things which Anna, with her bringing up and being out of another set, does not understand, and many a word I would never share with her. I need to with N. P. because he, as a man (with in-

born tact), understood me. We all have our ways and thoughts, and I feel so horribly old at times and low spirited. Pain pulls one down and perpetual anxiety and worry since the war goes on."

"Ever your very own weary old 'SUNNY'."

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## 14 Years Ago Today

From The Herald of This Date, 1900.

REPORTS from San Antonio, Texas, state that the Texas association of local fire insurance agents selected El Paso for its next meeting place.

W. A. Phelps and family will leave El Paso next Wednesday for North Adams, Mass., where they will live temporarily.

J. E. House, of El Paso, was unanimously elected fourth vice president of the State Firemen's association of Texas at Mineral Wells today.

E. C. Trust left last night for Little Rock, Ark., from which point he will go to St. Louis to meet C. G. Titus, general secretary of the Y. M. C. A. Together, they will inspect Y. M. C. A. buildings in the east, to gain suggestions for the local structure, which Mr. Trust is to design.

Alderman George Look has been granted a 30-day extension to his leave of absence. He is visiting in Washington, D. C.

The special committee appointed by the mayor at the session of the city council last night to take up the viaduct proposition got busy this morning and in company with general manager H. J. Simms, of the Southwestern, went over the ground in the eastern part of the city, where it is proposed to erect the viaduct.

John M. Reynolds, son of Joshua Reynolds, is visiting in Las Cruces. Pat Garrett, Dr. Calman and Frank Bell, all of whom have been connected with the Finsler case, the two former as Finsler's friends and

the latter opposing them, are in the city from Chihuahua.

Under direction of J. W. Curt, instructor in the high school and manager of high school athletics, the high school baseball team this morning left over the Sierra Madre for Colonia Juarez, where they will meet the Mexican academy team.

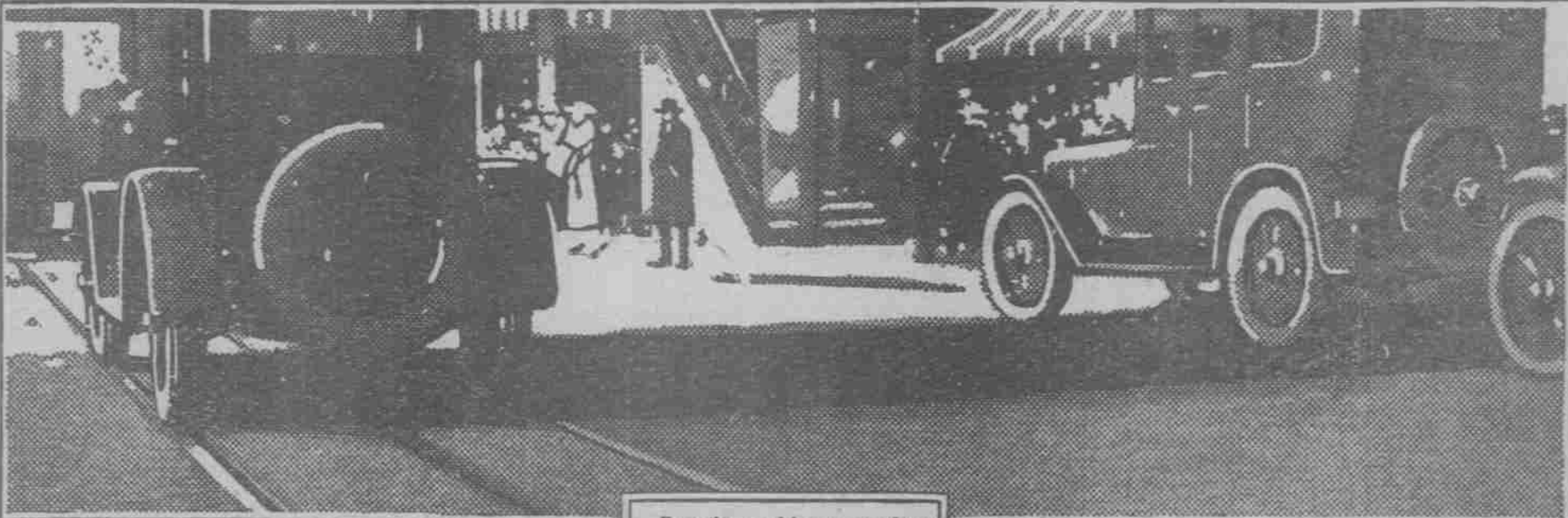
The Rio Grande is rising and it is already spreading over the country north of El Paso, and the feet of Judge Sweney's patent new dam at the Colihua bend below El Paso will likely come in a very short time.

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Worn frogs and switches often cause small cuts, which are rapidly enlarged by the action of gravel and moisture. Ruts and track slots pinch the tire, tearing away the tread where their edges strike it.

It is well to avoid such places as much as possible.

THIS year the American people are going to be more critical than ever about their automobile tires.

Tires are one of the largest items in the motorist's budget. The cost is making even careless buyers think and inquire.

And the more they inquire, the smaller will grow the influence